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EDITORIALS.

THE Summer meeting of the Geological Society of America will be held at Madison, Wis., on August 15 and 16. The session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will begin at the same place on the 17th of August and extend to the 23d. The Congress of Geologists, under the auspices of the Columbian Exposition, will begin at Chicago, on August 24, and continue its sessions so long as its work may require. Preliminary to this series of meetings, Professors M. E. Wadsworth and C. R. Van Hise will meet such geologists as care to visit the Lake Superior region at the Commercial Hotel, Iron Mountain, Mich., on the forenoon of August 7, and will act as guides during the week following. A carefully prepared scheme for the trip is announced, embracing visits to the leading points of interest in the Menominee, Marquette and Gogebic iron districts, and in the copper-bearing region of Keweenaw Point. Those who desire to participate in the excursion, or who wish information regarding it, should address Professor Van Hise, at Madison.

In connection with the meetings of the Geological Society and the American Association at Madison, there will be excursions to the Devil's Lake region, to the Dells of the Wisconsin, and to the driftless area, under the guidance of geologists personally familiar with the features of most special interest. The article of Professor Van Hise in this number is a timely presentation of some points of peculiar significance in the first named region, and will prove very serviceable to those who choose the excursion to that region.

It is proposed to hold the sessions of the Congress at Chicago at the Art Institute during the forenoons, leaving the afternoons free for visiting the Exposition. Experience has shown that a half day devoted to looking at exhibits, where there is

such a plethora of objects of interest as in the Exposition, taxes the faculties of observation to the full extent of their pleasureable employment. Attendance upon the Congress and the study of the Exposition will, therefore, it is thought, constitute agreeable and profitable complements of each other. Excursions to points of geological interest in the vicinity of Chicago will be privately arranged, if desired.

These three meetings, with the attending excursions and the study of the Exposition, constitute a rare combination of opportunities which will doubtless be embraced very generally by the geologists of the country.

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